

IDAHO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 8/6/2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond C Goodman, O.D. - Chair
Aaron J Warner, O.D.
Lance W Fagan, O.D.
Terri L Haley, O.D.
William Von Tagen

BUREAU STAFF: Kelley Packer, Bureau Chief
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Joan Callahan, Legal Counsel
Cesley Metcalfe, Board Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Andregg, Idaho Optometric Physicians
Kris Ellis, Idaho Optometric Physicians

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM MDT by Raymond C Goodman, OD.

PROPOSED LAWS

The Idaho Board of Medicine (BOM) discussed the proposed expanded scope of practice for optometrists at its August meeting. Dr. Goodman provided a summary of the BOM's discussion and said that the ophthalmologist who presented information to the BOM made several erroneous statements about the proposed expanded scope of practice. Dr. Goodman said that the BOM did not appear to have reviewed the draft proposal prior to the meeting and deliberated for approximately one to two minutes before questioning the need for an expanded scope of practice. He also reported that the BOM stated that it will vote against legislation that proposes a scope expansion for optometrists.

Ms. Packer stated that she met with the Governor's Office and the Division of Financial Management after the BOM meeting. The Governor's Office will request fact-based data from the BOM supporting its position if it plans to oppose a scope expansion for optometrists. The Governor's Office also asked the Board to discuss its current draft in relation to the BOM concerns.

The Board reviewed the list of exclusions to the scope of practice that are in the current draft of proposed legislation. The Board made no adjustments because this list of exclusions was approved by the Idaho Medical Association. The Board reviewed the proposed number of supervised procedures required to obtain authorization to use therapeutic lasers. The Board raised the number of required supervised procedures from one to five. The Board reviewed the language for Board member term limits and decided no clarification was necessary.

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the discussed revisions and move forward with the legislation. It was seconded by Dr. Fagan. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for August 19, 2019 at 9:30 AM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. von Tagen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 AM MDT. It was seconded by Dr. Haley. Motion carried.

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